

out a license. Any person, firm or corporation selling goods without a license as required by law, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not exceeding \$100 or imprisoned for not more than thirty days; the penalty herein prescribed not to affect the penalty which may be prescribed by existing law for the violation of special provisions of the license laws.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That a new section be and the same is hereby added to Article 81 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Licenses", sub-title "Mode of Issuing—General Provisions", said new section to follow immediately after Section 8 of said Article, to be known as Section 8A, and to read as follows:

8A. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Article no county, city or other political sub-division of this State shall require any person, firm or corporation to obtain a permit or license to transact in such county, city or other political sub-division, any business or occupation for which it or he is required to obtain a State license under the provisions of this Article, nor shall any county, city or other political sub-division of this State levy any occupational tax or fee upon such person, firm or corporation for transacting any such business or engaging in any such occupation for which such State license is required. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, any county, city or other political sub-division of this State may require permits or licenses to be obtained where necessary for regulatory purposes in the interest of the public health, safety or morals. The provisions of this section shall not be deemed to be repealed by any local Act hereafter passed unless expressly referred to and expressly repealed in terms.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That Section 9 of Article 56 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Licenses", sub-title "Auctioneer", be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

9. Every person who shall open a room or place of business for the purpose of selling goods, wares and merchandise at auction shall be required to take out a license in the same manner as resident traders; the amount to be charged for said license to be rated upon the amount in value of goods, wares and merchandise on hand by said person for sale in the same manner as licenses are rated to resident traders. Any county or city of this State may require additional local licenses for persons selling goods at auction.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That Section 43 of Article 56 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title